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# H. R. 5955

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Stopping the Excessive  
5       Growth of the Federal Government Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN SPENDING AND HIRING AT GOVERN-**  
7       **MENT AGENCIES.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection

9       (d), whenever there is enacted into law a bill or joint reso-  
10       lution that increases Federal taxes (as determined under

1 subsection (c)), the following restrictions shall apply for  
2 the period of time specified in subsection (b):

3 (1) No new appropriations may be made to a  
4 Government agency.

5 (2) No new positions may be created within a  
6 Government agency.

7 (3) A Government agency must abide by a 5-  
8 to-3 ratio of involuntary-separations-to-appoint-  
9 ments.

10 (b) DURATION OF RESTRICTIONS.—The restrictions  
11 under subsection (a) shall apply during the period—

12 (1) beginning on the date as of which the bill  
13 or joint resolution referred to in subsection (a) be-  
14 comes law; and

15 (2) ending at the close of the Congress during  
16 which such bill or joint resolution becomes law.

17 (c) DETERMINATIONS.—For purposes of this Act, de-  
18 terminations referred to in subsection (a) shall be made  
19 by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

20 (d) EXCEPTIONS.—The restrictions under subsection  
21 (a) shall not apply—

22 (1) to positions within a small Government  
23 agency or the Department of Defense, the Depart-  
24 ment of Homeland Security, or the Department of  
25 Veterans Affairs; or

1           (2) during a period of national emergency de-  
2       clared by the President.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4       For purposes of this Act—

5           (1) the term “Government agency” means an  
6       Executive agency, as defined by section 105 of title  
7       5, United States Code;

8           (2) the term “employee” has the meaning given  
9       such term by section 2105 of title 5, United States  
10      Code; and

11          (3) the term “small Government agency” means  
12      a Government agency which, for the fiscal year last  
13      ending before the start of the Congress during which  
14      the bill or joint resolution (as described in subsection  
15      a)) becomes law, employs an average of not more  
16      than 500 employees (as determined by the Office of  
17      Personnel Management).

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